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1158th Transportation Company soldiers and families to be honored Saturday

The Wisconsin National Guard's 1158th Transportation Company soldiers and their families will be honored in a Freedom Salute Campaign ceremony Saturday [Sept. 9], at the following locations and times:

- 9:00 a.m.: National Guard Armory, 2700 Kennedy Dr., Beloit
- 1:30 p.m.: Black River Falls Senior High School, 1200 Pierce St., Black River Falls

The Freedom Salute Campaign is a national program started in 2003 to publicly acknowledge Army Guard soldiers and those who supported them during their active duty mobilizations for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

During Saturday's ceremonies, approximately 280 soldiers of the 1158th Transportation Company will each receive a variety of memorabilia from the National Guard in recognition of their service. These members of the 1158th will also honor their family support group leaders as the people that were most helpful to them during their mobilization.

The 1158th is headquartered in Tomah and has detachments in Beloit and Black River Falls. The soldiers mobilized in October 2004 and after several weeks of mobilization training reported for duty in Southwest Asia. The soldiers spent nearly 12 months delivering equipment and supplies to servicemembers in Kuwait and Iraq. They completed their mission in December.

The Wisconsin National Guard currently has more than 2,150 soldiers and airmen serving on active duty. Of those, approximately 1,200 are deployed overseas and an additional 260 are bound for eventual overseas service in either Iraq or Kosovo.

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